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THE WEEK'S NEWS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Monday at noon the first session of the Fifty-Fourth Congress was opened with no unusual incident. In the House the clerk of the last session in accordance with law and constitution called the new House to order and directed that the roll be read. Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, was elected speaker amid much enthusiasm from the Republicans. Mr. Crisp, of Georgia was the candidate of the Democrats, and John C. Bell, of Colorado, was placed in nomination by the group of six populists.

Messrs. Hopkins (Rep., Ill.,) Loud (Rep., Cal.,) Erman (Dem., Pa.,) and Catchings (Dem., Miss.) were appointed tellers and the roll was called, the Constitution requiring the election of Speaker by viva voce vote. All the Republicans voted for Mr. Reed, with one exception, all the Democrats for Mr. Crisp, and all the Populists for Mr. Bell. The result of the vote was: Reed, 234; Crisp, 95; Bell, 6; Culberson, 1.

Mr. Kerr's announcement of Mr. Reed's election was greeted with a thunder of applause.

Messrs. Crisp, Grosvenor, and Bell were appointed a committee to conduct the Speaker to the chair and Mr. Reed made his inaugural address. The oath was administered to the members. Without a roll call the officers of the House nominated by the Republican caucus Saturday were then formally elected, the Democrats presenting the names of the officers of the last House. The swearing in of the subordinate officials of the House followed: Alexander B. McDowell of Pennsylvania as Clerk, B. F. Russell, of Missouri as Sergeant-at-Arms. William B. Glen, of New York as Doorkeeper, Joseph B. McElroy, of Ohio, as Postmaster, and Rev. Henry N. Couden, of Michigan, as Chaplain. After the biennial seat drawing by lot, the House adjourned for the day.

THE United States Senate was called to order at 12 o'clock by Vice-President Stevenson. The decorum of the upper branch of Congress is seldom disturbed even by the opening of Congress, and Monday, with crowded galleries and a general air of expectancy, there was the same even and unruffled procedure which characterizes the body. All the galleries, public and private, except that reserved for the diplomatic corps, were filled to overflowing by 11 o'clock, and the outer corridors were crowded with those unable to gain admission.

The Senators began to gather early in the day, exchanging greetings and re-

The new Senators and those who had been re-elected were sworn in. A committee was appointed to notify the President, and the usual resolutions incident to the beginning of a session were intro duced. The Senate took a recess of an hour at 12:28 P. M., and at 1:30 adjourned, after an uneventful session. The new Senators and those re elected were sworn in in groups. The last group attracted special attention, being led by ex-Governor Tillman of South Carolina dispensary fame arm in arm with Mr. George of Mississippi, behind whom came Mr. Walthall, of Mississippi, on the arm of Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky.

DIRECTOR PRESTON of the mint says: "The result of the currency legislation of the United States for over a hundred years has been such as to leave an inco herent monetary system, as inconsistent, illogical and expensive as can well be imagined, that inspires little confidence at home and is not conducive to our credit abroad, and its reform is one of the most important and urgent political and financial questions of the hour."

CONGRESSMAN T. E. BURTON, of Cleveland, will introduce a bill at this session of Congress providing for the division of the States into Congressional districts immediately after each census, such fixing for districts to stand unchanged until the next census; that is for ten years-a good bill which ought to pass to prevent partisan gerrymandering.

The Secretary of the Navy's report always is quite or nearly the most interesting of the documents yearly compiled by the heads of departments "for the information of Congress" and of the rest of mankind, says the Inter Ocean.

Possessing as we do the longest line of coast area and the largest volume of coastwise traffic of any nation, and having the fewest, and until very recently by far the poorest, war ships to guard them, every year's official statement of the relative weakness-we cannot yet call it strength-of our navy is deeply interesting.

Secretary Herbert tells us that we have sixty four war vessels of all kinds affoat and twenty-six in course of construction. Great Britain has 247 affoat, not including torpedo boats, which count as three out of our sixty-four, and she also has forty-two ships in process of building. France has 144 ships affoat and has provided for thirty-three more. Italy has and eight in process of building. Russia has 100 affoat and eighteen in course of speculators, construction. And the little kingdom of the Netherlands has ninety-two effective

war ships and seven partially completed. We show to still greater disadvantage when the quality of the different navies is compared. We have but twenty armored vessels afloat, and of these but three rank as "battle ships." Of the remaining seventeen one is a cruiser and sixteen are coast defenders. England has ten battle ships under construction: we have five. Nor are we in a condition to man properly the twenty-six ships now under construction. Our naval militia is weak in number and drill. Secretary Herbert urges the necessity of the construction of at least five more battle ships.

A WASHINGTON despatch says that th convention which the British Ambassa dor, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and Secretary Olney have been preparing, looking to the settlement of claims for seizures in Bering Sea, is so nearly completed that it will probably be sent to the Senate next week. It provides for a mixed Commission to assess the dam ages, the Commission to hold its sessions at Victoria, B. C., and provides, further, for an umpire in the event of failure on the part of the Commissioners to agree.

THE Bethlehem Iron Company, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, received word from St. Petersburg that the company has been awarded the contract for 1,200 tons of armor plate for the new Russian battleship Rostislav. The contract represents \$600,000, and will keep the ordnance works, employing 2,000 skilled workmen, busy during the winter.

Ar various points on the Great Lakes, on Tuesday of last week 45 men were rescued from drowning by the life-sav ing crews from the vessels wrecked by the great storm, and five men were also rescued from the schooner Ellie, off Rye Beach, New Hampshire, which stranded on Tuesday evening.

It is again announced that the Illi nois Central Railroad Company will, inside of eighteen months, change the motive power on the suburban service from steam to electricity.

News has reached the Cuban Junta in New York of a battle fought on the 19th inst. at Tagusco, in wich 10,000 Spanish troops were defeated by an inferior force of insurgents. At last accounts the Cubans were advancing toward Trinidad and Cienfuegos.

HAWAIIAN advices by the steamer Australia at San Francisco, say that the Government does not consider favorably the proposition to release any of the white political prisoners, except T. B. Walker, who had been very friendly to the Government. Probably a majority of the few remaining natives will soon be released.

THE London Daily News publishes letter from its Constantinople correspondent, in which he dilates upon the horrors of the latest massacres, the most awful stories of which are contained in the official reports of the Consuls. The massacres that have occurred during the last three or four weeks put those which occurred some time ago at Sassoun and Moosh entirely in the background. More persons were killed than were murdered during the Bulgarian only paralleled by that which took place

THE London Times of December 3, prints a dispatch from Berlin which recorts that the Frankfurter Zeitung's Constantinople correspondent says that, in response to the Sultan's personal appeal, the Czar has waived Russia's claims for the passage of a second guard ship through the Dardanelles.

The Standard's Vienna correspondent telegraphs that he learns from a trustworthy source in Constantinople, that the Sultan is in hourly fear of deposition. His courtiers warn him that the powers have decided upon this action, and that they want the second guard ship admitted to the Dardanelles in order to provide the necessary force to carry it out.

The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says that the German ironclad Hagen has been ordered to Turkish wa-

The so-called firing upon the British ship Loch Rannoch in the Dardanelles is said by the Turkish officers to be a matter of little importance and easily explained. They say that the Loch Ran noch arrived after sundown, and that instead of anchoring she attempted to proceed and was signaled from the shore by a gunshot to bring up. As she did not do so a second shot was fired and the Loch Rannoch let go her anchor. The 'shell" which is said to have whizzed over the head of the Rannoch is pronounced to have been nothing more than the wad from the gun on shore. This is the Turkish explanation of the matter, and is believed to be about correct, for nothing more appears to be known here of the affair.

From the provinces there is not much news forthcoming. The Turkish officials are apparently doing everything possible to suppress any facts except those which are favorable to the government.

THE wheat market on Monday was erratic early, but very strong the last hour, and prices advanced lc. from the low point and closed at the top with a gain of %c. It was largely a changing market, Armour buying the December openly and through brokers and selling the May, his men at times offering 250,-000-bu lots of May. There was a lot of scattered liquidation on the part of scattered longs, which helped to carry seventy-one affoat and fifteen on the the price down from 611/2c to 601/2c. On stocks. Germany has seventy four affoat | the break there was good buying by commission houses and prefessional

On the curb wheat was strong at the

closing figures. There was a good buying of calls early and they sold on May at 621/60621/4c, but after buyers had been filled up they declined to 61% @62c. Puts sold early at 61%c, and closed at 60% @61c. Calls on May corn, 29@2918c. puts at 291/@291/c.

THE corn trade was small and the feeling weak, due to the change in the cash market, where prices declined 1/2 to %c with a small demand. Receivers sold the near futures and the only buying of May was by professional shorts. December sold from 261/4c to 251/8c, but rallied with wheat and closed at 261/8c, a loss of 1/8c. May sold between 28%c and 291/sc, with most of the trades at 29c and closed at 291/sc, with a gain of 1/sc.

Provisions were weaker and lower, on the unusually large receipts of hogs, 68,000 being estimated here early, and prices were 5c to 10c lower. Packers were free sellers and pork declined 71/20 to 10c, lard 5c, and ribs 5c, to 71/2c, but reached 216c to 5c, and closed with a loss of 21/2c to 5, for the day. The cash trade improved and packers were more disposed to meet the views of buyers.

A STORY WELL TOLD.

A gentleman from North Carolina wrote to the Editor of the Christian Work, referring to an advertisement of the Larkin Soap Mfg. Co. in the columns of that paper: "If everything you advertise in your paper repays the puryou are conferring a benefit on mankind in bringing such good things to notice. I do not really see how they can afford to give so much for the money." Everyone who accepts the wonderful offers made by this Company gives the same verdict, yet the company do not disclaim the fact, that they make a fair manufac-turer's profit on each sale. The "Larkin Idea" which saves the entire middlemen's profits, by dispensing altogther with their services, effects an aggregate saving which makes easily possi ble, seemingly wonderful offers. Of course, years of study, a wonderfully perfect system, large capital, and the highest reputation for in tegrity, are all necessary in making the Larkin method a success.

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ILLINOIS UNIVERSALIST CONVEN-TION Committee of Fellowship.

The fellowship of the Illinois Universalist Conention is hereby withdrawn from Rev. A. N Alcott, at his request, taking effect from this date, Nov. 26, 1895.

on the 5th day of February, 1895, the fellow ship of Rev. A. N. Alcott was suspended until January 1, 1896, for his violation of Law 3, Sect 11, b. Laws of Fel owship, Government and Dis-

of the Universalist denomination. While there was no valid reason to expect that the Committee would do otherwise than adhere to its judgment and await the expiration of the full term of suspension before taking further action in this case, and while the Committee recognize that a suspended clergymen cannot withdraw from fellowship, the Committee deem it expedient to waive this consideration and drop his name from the roll of ministers in fell wiship with the Hilinois Universalist Convention from this date. By order of the Committee.

BENJ. F. MONROE, Chairman. CHICAGO, Nov. 26, 1895.

An Ordaining Council will convene at Galesburg on Saturday, December 14, 1895, for the examination of Mrs. Kate Hughes, to which the following named clergymen have been invited: Geo. B. Stocking, D. D., N. White, D. D., J. C. Lee., and J. S. Cook; and the following parishes have been requested to send one delegate each: Galesburg, Avon, Henderson Grove, La Fayette, Le Roy.

BENJ. F. MONROE, Chairman.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.

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MRS. EDITH G. DEVOL.

EDITH GARDNER was born at Flint, Franklin County Ohio, April 4, 1867. From early childhood she attended the Universalist Sunday school, and at the age of ten years she united with the Universalist church, and grew to be an earnest and faithful worker in both church and Sunday-school, and later, in the Y. P. C. U. For nine years she was the organist of the church, and was deeply interested in the welfare of the church and in the success of all the work which the church seeks to accomplish. She was married to M. Luther Devol, June 13, 1894, and about the the first of May, 1895, they began house-keeping near the home and the church in which she was reared. On the 14th of October she injured her foot by stepping on a nail, and nine days later lock-jaw supervened. and she suffered from tetanic spasms until her death. On the 26th of October she gave birth to a healthy child, and died four days later. Her funeral was attended by the writer on the

ist day of November, in the presence of a deeply sympathetic congregation, most of whom had known her from childhood, and who respected and loved her. Edith was a sincere Christian an affect onate sister and daughter, a devoted wife, and at last a sad but hopeful mother. We grieve that we sha I see her face no mor

on earth, but hope of reunion in the land of the immortals, is the consolation of those who knew and loved her here.

J. B. PINKNEY.

J. B. PINKNEY, an old ploneer of the West, dled recently at the residence of his son-in-law, Capt. S. P. Hughes, of Blaine, Washington. Mr. Pinkney was born in New York State, Jar uary 25th, 1810, and came from one of the oldest families in America; his father took a leading part in the early struggles of his State and the original colonies for national independence; the son, the subject of this sketch, moved to Michigan in territorial days, and was afterwards an officer in the Black Hawk Indian war. He was always a pioneer and leader on the frontier, and in 1856 removed from Michigan to Iowa. In 1873 he came to Washington territory and has resided in Seattle and Blaine since that time. He was a member of the Universal ist Church, an honest man and a lover of his cipline of the Universalist General Convention | country. He passed away peacefully, without and for pursuing a course contrary to the polity | regret for the past and without fear of the fu-

ture. He leaves two daughters, the eldest, Mrs. Hughes, residing at Blaine. Mr. Pinkney was buried at Seattle. He was a good father and he is sorely missed in the home and by many

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Springs so weak and disheartened that re-quired aid to leave the cars and reach the hotel. For the first two weeks I felt no improve ment, Then I experienced a change, which continued until my departure, and returned to my home very much stronger and free from I do not hesitate to say to anyone seeking re-

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